

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of making a hat comprising

(A) cutting pieces out of at least two can cartons in patterns that can be assembled into a hat suitable for forming

(1) a brim having a central opening; and

(2) a crown insertable into said central opening, where the bottom of said crown has tabs extending from its sides for slideably engaging said brim and said sides are not in contact with said central opening, whereby there is a gap between said crown and said opening; and

(B) assembling said pieces into said hat by inserting said crown into said central opening and attaching said crown to said brim, whereby said sides can expand outwardly.

2. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said ~~pieces include~~ pieces for forming a brim and a crown has a rectangular cross-section.

3. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 2 wherein said ~~brim is cut from a 24 can carton or two 18 can cartons and said crown is cut from a 42 can carton or an 18 single can carton.~~

4. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 2 wherein said pieces for said brim include an upper brim and a lower brim and said tabs slide in between said upper brim and said lower brim.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 4 including wherein wire mesh ~~that can be~~ is sandwiched between said upper brim and said lower brim.

6. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 2 wherein said crown is formed from a 12 can carton or an 18 can carton.
7. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 2 wherein a wire is attached to said brim to hold said brim in a desired shape.
8. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 1 including attaching a chin strap to said brim.
9. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 including the steps of cutting out a logo plate piece from a can carton and attaching said logo plate to said hat.
10. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said can cartons are selected from the group consisting of 12 can cartons about $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches high, about $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and about $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, 18 can cartons about $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches high, about $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and about $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, and 24 can cartons about $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, about $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and about $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide.
11. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said ~~pattern is~~ patterns are marked on said can cartons by a cutting tool as it cuts said pieces from said can cartons.
12. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said patterns are marked on said cartons before said pieces are cut.

13. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said pieces are cut out of can cartons for holding 12 oz cans.
14. (Previously presented) A hat made according to the method of Claim 1.
15. (Currently amended) A method of making a hat comprising
- (A) cutting out pieces from at least two can cartons ~~selected from the group consisting of 12 can cartons, 18 can cartons, and 24 can cartons, and mixtures thereof, including pieces for making~~
 - (1) a brim; having an upper portion and a lower portion and a central opening therethrough;
 - (2) a crown; that is insertable into said central opening, where the bottom of said crown has tabs extending from its sides for slideably engaging said brim and said sides are not in contact with said central opening, whereby there is a gap between said crown and said opening; and
 - (3) a logo plate piece; and
 - (B) assembling said pieces into said hat by inserting said crown into said central opening with said tabs in between said upper portion and said lower portion, whereby said sides can expand outwardly.
16. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 15 wherein said pieces are cut out of can cartons for holding 12 oz cans.
17. (Previously presented) A hat made according to the method of Claim 15.

18. (Currently amended) A method of making a hat comprising
- (A) cutting a logo piece out of a can carton;
 - (B) cutting out pieces to form the a brim of for said hat from a can carton ~~selected from the group consisting of 18 can cartons and 24 can cartons, where~~ said brim has an upper portion and a matching lower portion and a central opening therethrough;
 - (C) cutting out ~~pieces~~ a single piece to form ~~the a crown of a~~ for said hat from a ~~can carton selected from the group consisting of 12 can cartons and 18 can cartons, where~~ said crown has a rectangular cross-section that is insertable into said central opening, there is a gap between the bottom of said crown and said opening, the bottom of said crown has tabs extending from its sides for slideably engaging said brim, and said sides are expandable outwardly into said central opening; and
 - (D) assembling said pieces into said hat by inserting said crown into said central opening with said tabs in between said upper portion and said lower portion, whereby said sides can expand outwardly.
19. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 18 wherein said pieces are cut out of can cartons for holding 12 oz cans.
20. (Previously presented) A hat made according to the method of Claim 18.